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May 28, 1902

SAN JUAN, P. R., *May 10, 1902.*

SIR: Referring to a letter from this office dated the 6th instant, making report relative to the number of smallpox cases in Porto Rico occurring during the two weeks ended May 3, 1902, I have the honor to say that I am in receipt of a note from the secretary of the superior board of health of Porto Rico, under date of the 9th instant, in which he informs me that all cases mentioned in his last report to me—that is, for the two weeks ended May 3, 1902—were of a mild type of varioloid, and that no case of smallpox of a serious type has existed in San Juan for many weeks.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Smallpox in Porto Rico.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *May 6, 1902.*

SIR: With reference to the smallpox situation in Porto Rico, I have the honor to report that during the two weeks ended May 3, 1902, cases have occurred in the following localities: San Juan, 40; Arecibo, 75; Camuy, 56; Ponce, 30; Utuado, 48; Hatillo, 7; Caguas, 36. A total of 292 cases. No deaths from the disease, except 1, an engineer of the steamship *Mae*, who contracted smallpox in Boston and was landed at Arecibo for treatment.

The above report is based upon statistics furnished this office by the superior board of health of Porto Rico.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Reports from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *May 5, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended May 3, and the report of immigrants inspected at this port during the month of April, 1902. Four vessels were inspected and passed and 8 bills of health were issued. During the past week the board of health reports 7 new cases of smallpox and 8 cases discharged. A circular has been circulated calling attention to the necessity of vaccination and the laws regarding it, and announcing that free vaccinations will be performed by a physician of the board of health. The schools have all been vaccinated. I have heard unofficially of several cases of diphtheria.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PONCE, P. R., *May 12, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bill of health

reports for the week ended May 10, 1902, also the summary of transactions of this station for the month of April, 1902. During the week 4 vessels were inspected and passed and 6 bills of health were issued to outgoing vessels. The local board of health reports 10 new cases of varicella for the past week ; discharged, 6, and 28 still under treatment.

Respectfully,
W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
The SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Summary of transactions of service during the month of April, 1902.

Total number of vessels inspected during April, 1902	16
Total number of vessels inspected during April, 1901.....	22
Total number of bills of health issued during April, 1902.....	26
Total number of bills of health issued during April, 1901.....	24
Number of passengers inspected during April, 1902 (incoming).....	132
Number of passengers inspected during April, 1902 (in transit).....	392
Number of crew inspected during April, 1902.....	638
Number of vessels in quarantine during April, 1902.....	3
Number of immigrants inspected during April, 1902.....	47
Rejections.....	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during April, 1902.....	114
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during April, 1902.....	90
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during April, 1902	4
Number of vaccinated.....	6
Number passed on previous vaccination.....	8

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan for the week ended May 3, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 7, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended May 3, 1902. April 27, Spanish steamship *Ciudad de Cadiz*, from Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, and La Palma, with 10 immigrants. April 29, Provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera*, from Havana, Santiago, Puerto Plata, with 9 immigrants. Total, 19.

Respectfully,
H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.
The SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan and subports for the week ended May 10, 1902.

SAN JUAN, P. R., May 13, 1902.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended May 10, 1902.

May 5, French steamship *Olinde Rodrigues*, from Havre, Bordeaux, St. Thomas, with 7 immigrants. May 6, Spanish steamship *Martin Saenz*, from Barcelona, Mallorca, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, and Teneriffe, with 6 immigrants. May 7, American steamship *Philadelphia*, from Puerto Cabello, Curacao, La Guayra, with 1 immigrant. Total, 14.

Respectfully,
H. S. MATHEWSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.
The SURGEON-GENERAL, U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.